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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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GROUP 1771  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q65935

KUSANO, YUKIHIRO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/960,345

Group Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No.: 4619

Examiner: Norca Liz Torres Velazquez

Filed: September 24, 2001

For: RUBBER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND RUBBER ARTICLE USING THE  
SAME

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2005. A Petition and payment for a two-month extension of time are attached, making this Response due on or before June 30, 2005.

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.